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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Help! Microsoft has endured three long years of litigation. Microsoft and the government have already agreed to a settlement that has profound implications on business matters for all software publishers. The agreement forces Microsoft to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows which allow Microsoft programs to run within the operating system, a first in an antitrust settlement. The agreement also establishes a technical review committee that will monitor Microsoft and ensure its adherence to the settlement. Therefore, this settlement should be finalized.

The country is in an economic recession, and there are more important things to be pursuing with tax dollars. Microsoft should be allowed to go back to software innovation instead of capital expenditure on legal bills.

In my opinion, no more action should be taken against this settlement. Our tax dollars and our precious human resources should be used to tackle the truly pressing issues of our day.

Sincerely,

Leland Hildebrand

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond

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